

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment, claims 112 and 121 will be pending. Claims 30 to 32, 113 to 120, and 122 to 128 have been canceled without prejudice with respect to prosecution in a related application. The pending Office Action indicated that claims 112 and 121 are allowed. Applicants note that the species search was extended to SEQ ID NO:4.

The present amendment is made without prejudice with respect to future prosecution. No new matter is believed to be added by the amendment.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Enablement

Claims 31, 32, 112-120, and 123-128 have been rejected for alleged lack of enablement. To expedite prosecution, these claims have been canceled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, enablement.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Written Description

Claims 29, 30, and 32 have been rejected for alleged lack of written description. To expedite prosecution, these claims have been canceled. In view of the amendment to the claims, applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, written description, be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102 (b)

Claims 29 to 32 have been rejected as allegedly anticipated by Rosen et al. (WO 00/61624 A1). To expedite prosecution, these claims have been canceled.

In view of the amendments to the claims, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the pending rejections have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as

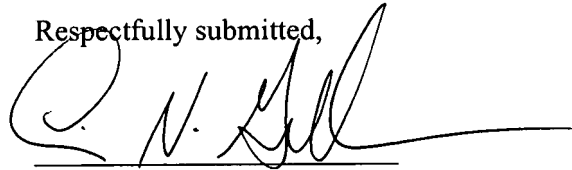
an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

This Amendment is being filed with a Petition for Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal Please charge any payments that may be due or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

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Respectfully submitted,

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